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ANNUAL REPORT

- OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING

31st. DECEMBER, 1961.

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COUNCIL OFFICES,
OVERTON.
WREXHAM.

To the Chairman and Members of the Maelor Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1961.

It is very pleasing to note that there has been a very welcome upward trend in the population. The Registrar General's Mid-Annual estimate shows a rise of 160.

There has been a fall in the number of births during the year, the number being 69 giving a birth rate of 15.1 compared with a total of 77 last year with a rate of 17.4, the number of deaths however has also decreased, being 59 compared with 70 for the previous year.

With the exception of an outbreak of Measles, the incidence of infectious disease remains at a low level, and no cases of Diphtheria or Food Poisoning were reported.

Housing has again been to the forefront in the work of the Health Department. Individual houses continue to be closed or demolished as the opportunity arises and good progress has been made in this manner. Three Clearance Areas were declared during the year and plans are well advanced for the first area of Housing development for Slum Clearance. This will be in the village of Overton and will comprise 25 dwellings, made up of 10 Old Peoples Dwellings, 9 two-bedroom flats and 6 three-bedroom houses. Directly the details of this scheme are settled, it is intended to immediately provide a similar scheme at Bangor Isycoed. Twenty houses were completed and occupied at Penley during the year, a number of these being used for Slum Clearance with the result that the five year programme for Penley is virtually complete.

I would once again like to thank the Chairman and members of the Council for their co-operation, the Officers of the Council for their loyal support and the Public Health Inspector who has assisted me in compiling this report.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. CATHCART.

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area	29,749 acres.
Population	4,660.
Rateable Value of District	£36,295.
Product of a Penny Rate...	£158
No. of inhabitated houses	1469
No. of Council Houses	158
Density of persons per house	3.2

POPULATION TRENDS SINCE 1957.

1957.....	4,800	(Estimated)
1958.....	4,530	(")
1959.....	4,520	(")
1960.....	4,500	(")
1961.....	4,660	(")

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Population (R.G. Estimate Mid-Annual)... ... 4,660

Comparability Factor:-

Deaths...	1.03
Births...	1.02

BIRTHS.

During the year there were 69 births, of which 33 were Males and 36 Females. This is a decrease of 8 over the previous year.

There were 4 illegitimate births during the year.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Live Births (Legitimate).....	32	33	65
Live Births (Illegitimate).....	1	3	4
	33	36	69

Birth Rate per 1,000 population.....15.1
England and Wales.....17.4
Percentage of Illegitimate Live Births
to total Live Births..... 5.8%

STILLBIRTHS.

There were no Stillbirths during the year.

DEATHS.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths.....	32	27	59

Death Rate per 1,000 population..... 13.0
England and Wales..... 12.0

The following table gives the causes of Death :-

CAUSES.	Male.	Female.	Total.
1. Tuberculosis Respiratory.....	1	-	1
2. Tuberculosis Other.....	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease.....	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria.....	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough.....	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infection.....	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-	-
8. Measles.....	-	-	-
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases....	-	-	-
10. Malignant Neoplasm (Stomach).....	4	-	4
11. " " (Lung and Bronchus)....	1	-	1
12. " " (Breast).....	-	2	2
13. " " (Uterus).....	-	1	1
14. Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms.....	4	1	5
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia.....	1	-	1
16. Diabetes.....	-	-	-
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.....	-	5	5

18. Coronary Disease (Angina).....	6	5	11
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease.....	1	-	1
20. Other Heart Disease.....	4	4	8
21. Other Circulatory Disease.....	1	1	2
22. Influenza.....	-	4	4
23. Pneumonia.....	-	1	1
24. Bronchitis.....	3	-	3
25. Other Disease of Respiratory System.....	-	-	-
26. Ulcer of Stmoach and Duodenum.....	-	-	-
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.....	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis.....	2	-	2
29. Hyperplasi of Prostate.....	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.....	-	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations.....	-	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined Diseases....	4	3	7
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	-	-	-
34. All other accidents.....	-	-	-
35. Suicide.....	-	-	-
36. Homicide and Operations of War.....	-	-	-
TOTALS.	32	27	59

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

During the year three infants died under the age of 1 year.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate.....	3	-	3
Illegitimate.....	-	-	-
	3	-	3

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births.....43.4
England and Wales.....21.4

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY.

This represents the number of deaths occurring in infants under the age of 4 weeks. There was one death, being a Male.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate.....	1	-	1
Illegitimate.....	-	-	-
	1	-	1

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births.....14.5

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY.

This represents the number of deaths occuring in infants under the age of one week. There was one death, being a Male.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate.....	1	-	1
Illegitimate.....	-	-	-
	1	-	1

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births..... 14.5

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

There were no deaths due to childbirth during the year.

CANCER DEATHS.

There were 13 Deaths from Cancer during the year compared with 9 for the previous year. The Cancer deaths increased by 5 in Males and decreased by one in Females. Deaths from Lung Cancer was 1, the same figure as the previous year.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Stomach.....	4	-	4
Lungs and Bronchus.....	1	-	1
Breast.....	-	2	2
Uterus.....	-	1	1
Others.....	4	1	5
	9	4	13

Ratio of Cancer deaths to total Deaths..... 1:4.5
Percentage of Cancer Deaths to total Daaths..... 22%

HEART DISEASE.

Heart Disease was responsible for 20 deaths compared with 18 in 1960. Of these, 11 were Males and 9 were Females.

The percentage of deaths from heart disease to total deaths is 33.9% compared with 25.7% in 1960

PULMONARY CAUSES.

There were 9 deaths from Pulmonary causes compared with 8 in 1960.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
T.B. Respiratory.....	1	-	1
Pneumonia.....	-	1	1
Bronchitis.....	3	-	3
Influenza.....	-	4	4
Others.....	-	-	-
	4	5	9

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year, 83 infectious disease notification received as compared with 1 notified the previous year. The bulk of this figure is due to a Measles epidemic which occured in the late Winter and continued through to the early Summer.

There were no cases of Poliomyelitis.

There were no Food Poisoning notifications received and there were no cases of Diphtheria reported.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis notifications during the year numbered 6 compared with 5 for the previous year, there being 2 Males and 4 Females affected. Any contacts are X-rayed and skin tested and 13-14 year olds are given B.C.G. innoculations when necessary.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Total Deaths.
Small Pox.....	-	-
Scarlet Fever.....	1	-
Diphtheria.....	-	-
Enteric Fever.....	-	-
Pneumonia.....	1	1
Cerebro Spinal Fever.....	-	-
Measles.....	78	-
Whooping Cough.....	-	-
Erysipelas.....	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	-	-
Opthalmia Neontirum.....	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-
Dysentery.....	2	-
Mumps Meningitis.....	-	-
Food Poisoning.....	-	-
Typhoid & Paratyphoid.....	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS.

Tabulated New Cases for 1961.

Age Groups.	Respiratory.		Non-Pulmonary.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Under 1.	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5.	-	-	-	-	-
6 to 10.	-	-	-	-	-
11 to 25.	-	1	-	-	1
26 to 35.	-	-	-	-	-
36 to 45.	-	2	-	-	2
46 to 55.	1	-	-	-	1
56 to 65.	1	1	-	-	2
65 and over.	-	-	-	-	-

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)
(Arranged according to age)

DISEASE.	Under 1	1 to 2	3 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 44	45 to 64	65 plus	Total.
Small Pox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.....	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Diphtheria.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Cerebro Spinal Fever....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.....	4	12	22	32	8	-	-	-	78
Whooping Cough.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas.....	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opthalmia Neonatorum....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.....	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2
Mumps Meningitis.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid & Paratyphoid...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	4	12	23	33	8	1	2	-	83

DIPHTHERIA.

Diphtheria Prophylactic Antigen is used by Medical Practitioners for the immunisation of children in the area.

The County Council offer immunisation in the Child Welfare Clinic at Penley. Standard practice now is early protection beginning at three months with Diphtheria Pertissus Prophylactic in addition many school children are given booster inoculations in schools at the age of 5/6 years.

In spite of the absence of Diphtheria in the area, efforts to obtain full protection against the disease continue.

POLIOMYELITIS IMMUNISATION.

During the year good progress has again been maintained in Polio immunisation. Persons up to the age of 40 years have been immunised and in addition expectant mothers are offered Polio immunisation. The response in the area has again been very pleasing.

HOUSING.

Progress has been maintained during the year in improving housing conditions in the area. Action has been taken under the Public Health and Housing Acts to improve the structural repair of houses, and it is pleasing to note that the majority of work carried out has been arranged informally between the owners and the Council's Public Health Inspector, and only in a few instances has it been necessary to serve Statutory Notices. Co-operation of this nature does much to foster good relations between the Public and Officials and in the long run makes the work of the Health Department much easier and less frustrating.

17 unfit houses have been closed or demolished during the year. The 5 year Slum Clearance Programme for Penley has been virtually completed with the erection of 20 houses and flats in the village of Penley. Three Clearance Areas have been declared in Overton and it is hoped that the 5 year programme for that Parish will be completed by the end of 1962. It is intended to follow that programme with a further number of houses at Bangor Isycoed to complete the programme there, but it is thought that this will not take place until 1963.

In view of the lack of information possessed regarding overcrowding, conditions in the district, it was felt that although the number of overcrowding cases is probably small, it would be advantageous to carry out a complete overcrowding survey, and work was commenced on this in the latter part of the year.

CLEAN FOOD.

The condition of the Food Premises in the district continues to be satisfactory and regular visits are made to all these premises by the Public Health Inspector.

Once again the most difficult problem has been the supervising of the many mobile food shops operating in the District.

WATER SUPPLY.

During the year a further 5.56 miles of water main has been laid, bringing the total mileage of water mains to 52.6 miles. In some parts of the district the supply is not as adequate as one would wish, but work is in hand which it is hoped will improve these supplies in the very near future.

Bacteriological samples of the supply have been taken regularly and all samples have been reported as satisfactory. Samples are also taken from the few remaining wells in use in the area with satisfactory results.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for Bangor Isycoed which has been under consideration for some years is at last reaching the stage when construction should soon be started.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal (Continued)

A similar scheme for Overton is also well advanced and should reach Public Enquiry stage in the Summer of 1962. It is hoped to speed up negotiations on this scheme in order that it may be possible for its construction to be partly concurrent with the Bangor scheme or at least to follow immediately. These two schemes will fulfill a long felt want as in both the villages concerned the arrangements existing for drainage are in a very bad condition.

When the above two schemes have been completed, the village in most urgent need of main drainage is Hanmer, particularly in view of the Council's recent decision to make the village the centre for re-housing families from unfit houses in several of the surrounding parishes. A preliminary scheme has already been drawn up by the Council's Consulting Engineers and it is hoped that the matter will be looked into in more detail in the near future.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The Bacteriological examination of water, milk, ice-cream and other foods is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Chester.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

These facilities are under the control of the Flintshire County Council who have stationed a vehicle in the Maelor District.

HOSPITALS.

Infectious Diseases:	Wrexham Isolation Hospital.
General:	Hospitals outside the County are used for General Cases :-
	Royal Infirmary, Chester. Wrexham War Memorial Hospital. Maelor General Hospital, Wrexham. Ellesmere Cottage Hospital. Whitchurch Cottage Hospital.

There is also a large Hospital for Polish Persons situated at Penley. There has been a gradual run-down of this hospital and it is understood that it has been taken over by the Regional Hospital Board.

MATERNITY.

Patients are admitted when necessary to a Maternity Hospital at Wrexham, this being outside the County.

CLINICS.

A maternity and Child Welfare Clinic is held at Penley on the first and third Thursday in every month, where as in previous years valuable help has been provided by a Ladies Voluntary Committee to whom I would once again like to express my appreciation of their services during the year.

APPENDIX.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1961 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF MAELOR IN THE COUNTY OF FLINTSHIRE.

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act. 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	13	65	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	3	16	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. (excluding out-workers premises)	1	4	-	-
Total	17	85	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars. (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found. Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector. (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable.	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

There are no outworkers in the District.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Maelor Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Third Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Department.

The emphasis this year has again been on Housing, and a gradual improvement in Housing conditions is becoming apparent. The co-operation I have received from owners during the year has been very gratifying, and as a result of this, a considerable amount of repairs and improvements have been carried out to properties without recourse to notices from this department.

Progress has been made with the Council's Slum Clearance programme, and a start has been made on an Overcrowding Survey of the District. In view of the amount of routine work to be undertaken I anticipate that this survey will take some time to complete.

The survey of agricultural premises under the Agriculture (Health, Welfare and Safety) Act, is progressing very slowly and is now about 40% complete. With a small department, it is becoming increasingly difficult to carry out all ones duties as expeditiously as one would like, and it often becomes a case of dealing with the most urgent and important items first and fitting in other matters as the opportunity arises.

I would like to express my appreciation of the consideration I have received from the Council, and of the willing help extended to me by the Officials and Staff of the Council.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Public Health Inspector.

5th. February. 1962.

Tabulated Summary of Sanitary Administration.

Total number of Inspections made	5,140
Total number of Complaints received	46
Total number of interviews with owners etc	73

BED BUGS.

Number of inspections made	233
Number of Council Houses found to be infested	Nil
Number of other Houses found to be infested	Nil

CLOSETS.

Number of water closet compartments cleansed	3
Number of water closets repaired or reconstructed	10
Number of flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	3
Number of new water closet pans or pedestals provided	34
Number provided with a supply of water	15

DRAINS.

Drains constructed or reconstructed	36
Repaired or cleansed	8
Ventilated	10
New inspection chambers	108
Tests to existing drains	5
Tests to new drains	31
New sinks fitted	23
Sink waste pipes repaired or renewed	8

FACTORIES.

Number of Factories in District (Mech)	13
Number of Factories in District (Non-Mech)	3
Number of inspections made	60
Number of contraventions found	Nil
Number of contraventions remedied	Nil
Number of contraventions outstanding at end of year	Nil

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Number of investigations carried out	5

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number of businesses in District	Nil

RODENT CONTROL.

There has been a slight increase in the number of infestations reported during the year, including one major infestation at Bangor Isycoed which took several months to bring under control. At the commencement of the year, a major infestation of rats was reported from Worthenbury during a serious outbreak of Foot and Mouth in the area. Assistance in dealing with this infestation was given by Officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Number of premises inspected.....	897
Number of premises found to be infested.....	59
Number of visits made.....	1175

REFUSE COLLECTION.

The service has operated well during the year, no serious complaints having been received.

The contractor has co-operated with me during the year in removing rubbish from unsightly and unauthorised tips throughout the district, and although this work is by no means complete, a considerable improvement has been made, and I would like to thank the contractor for his willing co-operation. The Public could give valuable assistance in this matter by not tipping their refuse indiscriminately and spoiling the beauty of the countryside.

All refuse tips have been treated with tip dressing during the Summer months to reduce fly-breeding, and in addition regular visits are made to check on any possible rat infestations.

Number of new dustbins provided by Informal Action.....	123
Number of new dustbins provided by Statutory Action.....	Nil
Amount of refuse collected during the year.....	384 Tons

SANITARY DEFECTS REMEDIED.

Dampness.	
Number of roofs repaired or renewed.....	22
Number of rainwater gutters and downspouts repaired or renewed.....	14
Yard surfaces repaired or relaid.....	6
Yard drainage improved.....	6
Interior work.	
Number of rooms cleansed.....	-
Number of walls repaired.....	31
Number of ceilings repaired.....	10
Number of floors repaired.....	17
Number of Chimney Stacks repaired or rebuilt.....	26
Number of firegrates repaired or renewed.....	9
Dampness remedied.....	26
Offensive accumulations removed.....	3

SANITARY DEFECTS REMEDIED (Cont)

Number of doors and windows repaired or renewed.....	24
Number of staircases repaired.....	8
Ventilation improved.....	34
Sufficient water supply provided.....	15

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Number of smoke observations made.....	7
Number of visits made.....	3
Number of notices served.....	-

There is only one factory chimney in the District, this being an aluminium smelting factory, There are several oil burning plants at schools and churches, and at the Penley Polish Hospital there are three sectional boilers which are coke fired. No nuisances are being caused by any of these plants.

CARAVANS.

At the commencement of the year, several meetings of Officers of Local Authorities in Flintshire were held to consider the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960 and to formulate a common policy throughout the County. The result of these meetings was that standards were drawn up, based on the Model Standards issued by the Minister and were presented to Councils for their approval. This Council adopted these standards and they have been applied to all licensed sites in the district.

As a result of the Act, the number of sites has been reduced to five, one of which is a holiday site for 15 caravans.

Number of Licensed sites.....	5
Number of inspections made.....	15
Number of contraventions found.....	Nil

WATER SUPPLY.

Number of samples taken for examination.....	14
Number of samples satisfactory.....	14

The Council's water mains have been still further extended during the year and it would appear that the main problem now to be faced is that of providing main water to isolated properties where the distances involved make the installation uneconomical.

The average percentage of properties in the District now provided with a piped water supply has risen to 92.5%

WATER SUPPLY (Continued)

The supply for the District is taken from the aqueduct which supplies water to Liverpool Corporation . The supply is satisfactory both as regards quality and quantity.

The distribution of supplies in the District is given in the following table:-

Parish.	Population.	No. of Houses with piped supply.	No. of Houses using standpipes.	% with piped supply.
Bangor.	454	155	4	96.9
Bettisfield.	273	78	-	88.6
Bronington.	488	129	6	84.8
Halghton.	296	79	-	87.7
Hanmer.	289	88	-	94.6
Iscoyd.	322	99	-	92.5
Overton.	1013	339	6	97.7
Penley.	777	108	-	93.1
Tybroughton	157	47	-	94.0
Willington.	287	90	-	95.7
Worthenbury.	304	102	2	92.0

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The arrangements in the district for sewerage and sewage disposal are at the present time unsatisfactory, but good progress is being made with schemes for Overton and Bangor Isycoed, and it is hoped that work will commence on the latter scheme during 1962, with the Overton scheme following shortly afterwards. It has also been proposed that a further scheme be worked out for the village of Hanmer. It is suggested that main drainage for Penley be borne in mind when the above are completed, when it may be possible to make use of the disposal plant at present serving the Polish Hospital in the village.

HOUSING.

During the year, a start was made on implementing the 5yr Slum Clearance Programme. Three Clearance Areas comprising 7 houses were declared. One of these areas was so situated as to be ideally suitable as an access to a suggested housing site at the rear of the property. It was found possible to acquire the area by agreement and it was also possible to acquire the necessary land for building. The Council's Architect is preparing plans for 25 dwellings on this site comprising 10 Old Peoples Bungalows; one three storey block of 9 2-bedroom flats, and 6 three-bedroom houses. These dwellings will be sufficient to complete the 5yr programme in Overton.

Good progress has also been made in dealing with individual unfit properties.

Twelve houses and eight flats were completed at Penley during the year , and 9 families from unfit houses in the area have been re-housed therein.

HOUSING (Continued)

In view of the obscure picture regarding overcrowding in the district, it was considered that an overcrowding survey was essential and this survey was commenced during the latter part of the year.

Owing to pressure of work and other commitments in an area where there is only one Public Health Inspector, this survey will of necessity have to be dove-tailed with other duties and will probably take some time to complete. However, I consider that the abatement of overcrowding is as important from a health aspect as rendering houses fit, and as much time as possible will be devoted to this work.

Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices.

Number of informal notices served.....31

Number of dwellings where defects were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.....189

Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

A. Proceedings under the Public Health Act. Section 93.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which Abatement Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied..... 4

(2) Number of dwellings in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices..... 3

(3) Number of notices outstanding at end of year..... 1

Section 45.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which Notices were served requiring defective water closets to be repaired..... 5

(2) Number of dwellings where defective water closets were repaired after service of Formal Notices..... 5

(3) Number of Notices outstanding at end of year.....Nil

Section 39.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which Notices were served for the renewing or repairing of existing drains..... 5

(2) Number of dwellings where existing drains were renewed or repaired..... 4

(3) Number of Notices outstanding at end of year..... 1

HOUSING (Continued)

Section 138, and Water Act, 1945 - Section 30.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requesting owner to provide water supply in pipes.....Nil

(2) Number of dwellings in which water supply was provided after service of Formal Notices.....Nil

B Proceedings under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs..... 4

(2) Number of dwellings which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices..... Nil

(3) Number of Notices outstanding at end of year..... 4

C Proceedings under Sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Act, 1957.

(1)Number of dwellings in resepct of which Notices were served under Section 16..... 15

(2) Number of dwellings in respect of which Closing Orders were made..... 9

(3) Number of dwellings in respect of which Demolition Orders were made..... 5

(4) Number of dwellings demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders..... 4

(5) Number of dwellings rendered fit in consequence of Undertaking given by owner..... 1

(6) Number of dwellings in respect of which Undertaking from Owner accepted not to relet house for human habitation..... 5

D Housing Act, 1957 - Overcrowding.

(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year..... Not known.

(2) Number of new cases reported during the year..... 2

(3) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year... 4
Number of persons concerned in such cases.....21

HOUSING (Continued)

Improvement Grants.

The number of applications for Standard Grants received during the year was much smaller than in the previous year, there being a reduction from 34 to 19. This is very disappointing in view of the publicity given to the grants. The number of Discretionary Grant applications has remained the same, namely 5. Possibly the reason for the small number of applications is the low rents which the Rent Act allows after improvements have been carried out, and it will be interesting to see whether there will be an increase as a result of the provisions of the Housing Act. 1961 which allows a 12½% increase on the cost of improvements.

Number of Discretionary Grant applications received.....	5
Number of Discretionary Grant applications approved.....	5
Total amount of Discretionary Grants approved.....	£1931
Number of improvements completed during the year.....	6
Number of Standard Grant applications received.....	19
Number of Standard Grant applications approved.....	21
Number of improvements completed during the year.....	25
Total amount paid to owners during the year.....	£2988

Standard Amenities provided:-

Baths.....	23
Washbasins.....	23
Hot Water Supply.....	17
Water Closets.....	24
Food Stores.....	16

PETROLEUM REGULATIONS.

There are at present 41 premises within the District licensed to store Petroleum Spirit, including eleven Filling Stations which are visited regularly.

SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

The following table gives details of the number and type of food premises within the District, and the number of inspections made during the year.

	Number in District	No. of inspections.
Bakehouses.....	1	11
Butchers Shops.....	3	90
Cafes, Snack Bars.....	6	60
Dairies and Milk Shops.....	3	18
Fried Fish Shops.....	1	12

SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES (Continued)

	Number.	No. of inspections.
Fruit and Greengrocers	5	52
General Provisions	19	201
Hotels and Public Houses	9	36
Ice-Cream Premises	16	140
Other Food Premises	3	24

A great deal of time has again been spent during the year on Food Hygiene, and it is pleasing to be able to report a big improvement in the food shops in the district. Improvements have also been noted in the large number of mobile food shops which visit the area.

Milk and Dairies Administration.

The County Council are now the authority responsible for this matter, although this department does co-operate with the County Public Health Officer when requested.

I give below the details relating to the sampling of Milk:-

Number of samples taken.....40

(1) School Milks (Pasteurised)

Total number of samples taken..... 6
Total number of samples satisfactory..... 6
Total number of samples submitted to Phosphatase Test.... 6
Number found satisfactory..... 6

(2) Designated Milks other than School Milks.

Pasteurised Milk.
Number of samples taken..... 7 Number satisfactory...6

Tuberculin Tested Milk.
Number of samples taken..... 9 Number satisfactory...9

T.T./Pasteurised Milk.
Number of samples taken.....11 Number satisfactory...11

Sterilised Milk.
Number of samples taken..... 7 Number satisfactory...7

(3) Biological Testing for Tubercle Bacilli.

Five samples of the milks submitted for bacteriological examination were also examined for the presence of Tubercle Bacilli with negative results.

Duties relating to Ice-Cream.

There are 16 premises registered for the sale of Ice-Cream.

During the year, the following samples were taken:-

Bacteriological....18. Results:- Grade I - 16: Grade II - 2.

Meat Inspection.

The three private slaughterhouses in the District have now been brought up to standard and are now in a very satisfactory condition. The improvements carried out have made meat inspection much easier to carry out and a more efficient service is possible. The three owners concerned are to be congratulated on the excellent premises which they now possess.

The quality of animals slaughtered at these premises is evident from the small amount of meat which is condemned during the year, in fact during a period of two months there were no condemnations.

Other Foods.

The amount of unsound food condemned during the year was again very small and is as follows:-

Tinned Ham.....25lbs.
Bacon.....121lbs.
Total..146lbs.

TABLE OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED DURING YEAR.

	CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS.	COWS.	SHEEP AND LAMBS	PIGS	CALVES.
Number Slaughtered.	196	-	848	341	38
Disease Except Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	20	-	16	5	-
Percentage of No. inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis.	10.2%	-	1.9%	1.4%	2.6%
Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	1	-	-	-	-
Percentage of No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	0.5%	-	-	-	-
CYSTICERCOSIS.	NO CASES.				

Total weight of meat condemned during the year:-

	Cwts.	Qtr.	Lbs.
Tuberculosis	-	-	10
Other Diseases	3	1	3
Total.	3	1	13